

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
CRIMINAL DIVISION  
APPELLATE SECTION  
TRIAL ATTORNEY / GS-13 to GS-15  
Vacancy Announcement Number: 08-CRM-APP-046**

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The Appellate Section (APP) **seeks Experienced Trial Attorneys** to apply for various positions within the organization. These jobs are located in Washington D.C. (Relocation expenses are not authorized.)

**About the Office:**

Attorneys in the Appellate Section of the Criminal Division brief and argue criminal cases in the federal courts of appeals; draft Supreme Court merits briefs, certiorari petitions, amicus briefs, and briefs opposing certiorari; and prepare pleadings and present arguments in district courts in cases of national importance. In addition, Section attorneys prepare appeal, rehearing, and certiorari recommendations to the Solicitor General on adverse decisions in the district courts and courts of appeals, and provide advice to the Office of the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, the Assistant Attorney General, and U.S. Attorneys' Offices on criminal matters.

**Responsibilities and Opportunities Offered:**

The U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division, Appellate Section, is seeking experienced attorneys to perform all of the above-described duties.

**Required Qualifications:**

Applicants must possess a J.D. degree, be duly licensed and authorized to practice as an attorney under the laws of any State, United States territory, or the District of Columbia, and have at least one year of post-J.D. experience. Applicants should have excellent academic credentials, strong legal research, writing, oral, and advocacy skills, sound judgment, and a commitment to public service. Applicants must be willing to travel to oral arguments throughout the United States.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

A federal clerkship is preferred but not required.

**Application Process**

Submission by email is preferred. If you wish to email your documents, please email them to [Mary.Ostberg@usdoj.gov](mailto:Mary.Ostberg@usdoj.gov). No telephone calls please. Applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, and writing sample (not to exceed 15 pages) to:

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**U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Appellate Section, Criminal Division  
Room 1264  
Washington, DC 20530  
ATTN: Patty Merkamp Stemler, Chief**

**Deadline date:**

This position is open until filled.

**Salary Information:**

Current salary and years of experience determine the appropriate salary level.

(GS-13) \$82,961 - \$107,854 per annum

(GS-14) \$98,033 - \$127,442 per annum

(GS-15) \$115,317 - \$149,000 per annum

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**Additional Information:**

This and other attorney vacancy announcements can be found at:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/oarm/attvacancies.html>

For more information about the Criminal Division, visit the

Criminal Division Web page at: <http://www.usdoj.gov/criminal/>

**Department Policies:**

The U.S. Department of Justice is an Equal Opportunity/Reasonable Accommodation Employer. It is the policy of the Department to achieve a drug-free workplace and the persons selected will therefore be required to pass a drug test to screen for illegal drug use prior to final approval. Employment is also contingent upon the satisfactory completion of a background investigation adjudicated by the Department of Justice.

The Department of Justice welcomes and encourages applications from persons with physical and mental disabilities and will reasonably accommodate the needs of those persons. The Department is firmly committed to satisfying its affirmative obligations under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, to ensure that persons with disabilities have every opportunity to be hired and advanced.